BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1999-403-C - ORDER NO. 1999-749
OCTOBER 25, 1999

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IN RE:	Application of Golden Harbor of South)	ORDER ✓ MR
	Carolina, Inc. for a Certificate of Public)	DENYING
	Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local)	MOTION
	Exchange Telecommunications Services)	
	within the State of South Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Golden Harbor of South Carolina, Inc. (Golden Harbor or the Company) to treat its financial statements as confidential materials for filing purposes. The Company states that neither it nor its parent company, are publicly traded, and it is not otherwise required to file financial statements. Golden Harbor states a belief that it and its parent company will be placed at a competitive disadvantage if it is required to publish this financial information.

Although we understand the reasoning behind Golden Harbor's Motion, we must deny it. We believe that any Company that is requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications services as a public utility in South Carolina should be subject to public scrutiny. Except for very rare instances, all of this Commission's proceedings are public, and the public is given a full right to participate, including, if necessary, the right to examine documents. Because of the public nature of the Commission's work, we must deny the Motion.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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